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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

REF: (A) USUN 0034 (NOTAL) (B) USUN 0035 (NOTAL)
(C) TEFFT-SHERER TELCON

1. UNSC MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS MORNING OF JANUARY 11
TO DISCUSS BOTSWANA COMPLAINT. AFTER PROTRACTED DISCUSSION,
USUN, WITH SUPPORT OF UK AND, TO LESSER EXTENT, SOME OTHERS,
WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DELETING THE WORD "AGGRESSION" FROM AGENDA
ITEM TITLE. TITLE NOW READS: "COMPLAINT OF GOVERNMENT OF
BOTSWANA AGAINST ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA CON-
CERNING VIOLATION OF ITS TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY AS SET
FORTH IN LETTER OF 22 DECEMBER FROM GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA
TO PRESIDENT OF UNSC (DOC. S/12262)." COUNCIL WILL MEET
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AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 12 AT 3:00 P.M. FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE
BOTSWANA FONMIN MOGWE.

2. AFTER CONSULTATIONS, UKUN TOLD AMB SHERER THAT THEY
WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO JOIN IN CONSENSUS STATEMENT BUT
THEY ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES THAT PRESENT DRAFT RESO-
LUTION CAN BE IMPROVED TO EXTENT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE

FOR THEM TO DO SO. EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO
ACHIEVE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS IN OPERATIVE PARAS 5 AND 8
AND IN PREAMBULAR PARAS, BRITISH BELIEVE RES WILL STILL
BE SO UNBALANCED THAT IVOR RICHARD'S NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE
EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. THEREFORE THE BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO
BE ABLE TO TELL THE AFRICANS THAT UNLESS THE DRAFT RES CAN
BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED THE US WILL JOIN THE UK IN AB-
STAINING.

3. PER REF C, USUN INFORMED UKUN LATER IN AFTER-
NOON THAT US WILL SUPPORT UK TOTALLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND
THE DEBATE. AFRICAN GROUP IS MEETING EVENING OF JANUARY 11
TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE DRAFT RES. WORKING LEVEL MISOFFS OF
US, UK, CANADA, FRG, AND FRANCE WILL MEET MORNING OF
JANUARY 12 TO DISCUSS DRAFT RES AND STRATEGY. COMMENT: USUN
AND UKUN BELIEVE THAT THESE FIVE COUNTRIES WILL STAND
TOGETHER DURING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HOLD SLIM
HOPE THAT CANADA AND FRG WOULD JOIN US-UK
ABSTENTION. FRANCE MIGHT GO EITHER WAY ON PRESENT TEXT.
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